Fixing the Maximum Limit of the Ministries

4957. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 130 and 3616 given in Rajya sabha on the 24th February and 27th April, 2000, respectively and state whether Government would incorporate a provision in the Constitution fixing the maximum limit of the Ministries in both the Central and the State Governments as part of its effort to rein in expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): Rules for the allocation of business of the Government are made by the President in terms of the powers conferred by Clause (3) of Article 77 of the Constitution for proper transaction of business of the Central Government. In case of State Governments such rules are made by the Governor in terms of Clause (3) of Article 166 of the Constitution.

The business of the Central Government is transacted in various Ministries/Departments as per the allocation of business specified in the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961. The number of Ministeries/Departments is thus based on the administrative convenience at given point of time. The creation/abolition/reorganisation of the Ministries/Departments is the prerogative of the Prime Minister.

Sharp Fall in the Integrity of Civil Servants

4958. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Sharp Decline in Civil Servant's Integrity : CVC" as reported in the *Pioneer* on the 16th April, 2000;

(b) if so, whether there has been a sharp fall in the integrity of civil servants in the country;

(c) the factors responsible for such a sharp fall in the integrity of civil servants; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.